

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Sickness in Industry have been affecting both public and private sectors. Sick CPSUs are referred to Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) for appropriate remedial action. As on 31.12.2000, 65 sick CPSUs were registered with BIFR. Number of new cases registered with BIFR during the last three years were 3, 3 and 2 in 1998, 1999 and 2000 respectively.

(b) Of the 65 sick CPSUs registered with BIFR, 59 had incurred loss during 1999-2000, the period for which the information is available.

(c) Enterprise specific measures are taken to revive or turn around the PSUs. Sick Industrial PSUs are referred to BIFR for formulating appropriate revival/rehabilitation scheme under the provisions of SIC A. For other loss making PSUs administrative Ministry in consultation with management concerned, explore various options, like technology upgradation, manpower restructuring, periodical review of performance, formation of joint ventures, improved marketing strategies etc. and thereby devise appropriate measures for restructuring of these PSUs.

Literacy rate among tribals

†*531. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the literacy rate among the females and males of various tribal communities of India as per the latest census data; and

(b) which tribe has the lowest literacy rate alongwith the tribe which has the highest literacy rate?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM) (a) and (b) The literacy rate among the females and males of various tribal communities of India pertaining to 2001 census have not been compiled as yet.

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